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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY FUND (HRDF): STATUS
REPORT

REF: CUMBERLAND/FITZGIBBON E-MAIL DATED 10/12/06

1. Summary: Two HRDF grants totaling \$50,000 were obligated in March 2005 and are in the process of implementation. Both are meeting their objectives to strengthen freedom of speech in Chad by providing material and programmatic support to private radio stations. End summary.

2. Grant S-CD300-05-GR016 was awarded to Radio FM Liberte in the amount of \$42,000 with the stated purpose of increasing the awareness among Chadians of their rights through the production of a series of civic education broadcasts, entitled "The Right to Know," in three languages. The programs are written and produced by one of Chad's leading human rights advocates. The first broadcast aired on the national radio station June 1, the others following on a weekly basis. To date there have been a total of twelve programs, each one broadcast in the French, Arabic and Sara languages. The grantee has transmitted to the Embassy two financial reports summarizing expenditures but has not yet provided the necessary payment documentation to liquidate its advance. This shortcoming has been brought to its attention and will soon be addressed.

Amount obligated: \$42,000
Amount disbursed: \$15,000
Unexpended balance: \$37,000
Completion date: February 28, 2006

3. Grant S-CD300-05-GR017 was awarded to ADCFL, a community development association in the Borkou oasis of Chad's far north, for office furniture and equipment to enhance the broadcast capacity of a local radio station which began broadcasting in February 2005. Though located in the largest town of the region, Faya Largeau, the absence of electricity requires the radio to have an autonomous energy supply. The HRDF project has provided for the purchase of a primary and back-up generator, as well as utility tables and voltage regulators. Broadcasting each night for 2-3 hours, the effort is clearly an example of grassroots democracy at its best. The radio announcers are volunteers; operating costs such as fuel and spare parts for the generators are covered in part by charging spectators a nominal fee to watch French television broadcasts projected on the compound wall in the evening. The Ambassador visited the radio station June 28 and provided a live interview. French soldiers based in Faya Largeau have commented to the Embassy about the moderating influence this radio station has on the more radical forms of Islamic currents of thought beginning to circulate in the area. Finally, it should be noted that copies of the civic education programs being produced under "The Right to Know" grant (para 2 above) were provided this community radio station in Faya Largeau.

Amount obligated: \$ 8,000
Amount disbursed: \$ 7,360
Unexpended balance: \$ 640
Completion date: February 28, 2006

4. Embassy is pleased with the manner in which both of these grants are meeting their objectives and will continue to provide the necessary oversight to ensure that all funds are properly expended and accounted for.
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